

Amendments to the Specification

Underlines indicate insertions; ~~strikeouts~~ or double brackets [[]] indicate deletions.

Replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended version:

Trim press 14 includes a plurality of female dies 38 and male dies 40 that coact to sever articles 20 from web 22. More particularly, pairs of kinematic linkages 42 move a platen with male dies 40 toward and away from female dies 38 during such severing operation. Such a trim press 14 further includes a treadle system (not shown) that accurately conveys, guides and locates articles 20 relative to dies 38 and 40. Additionally, canopy 12 includes an overhead conveyor system that includes a servo pick assembly 24 and a servo helper assembly 26 that cooperate along opposite edges of web 22 to move web 22 and articles 20 into position for trimming between dies 38 and 40. Further details of the canopy and treadle of trim press 14 are disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/686,714, entitled "Apparatus for Conveying, Guiding and Locating a Thermoformable Web", filed October 10, 2000, by inventor Jere F. Irwin, now U.S. Patent No. [[____]] 6,843,156, which is herein incorporated by reference.